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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7857**  
Atsushi NAKAMURA et al. : Docket No. 2001\_1856A  
Serial No. 10/018,363 : Group Art Unit 2653  
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OPTICAL DISC, OPTICAL DISC DRIVE,  
AND OPTICAL DISC PLAYBACK METHOD

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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of October 14, 2004, Applicants hereby elect Group II, which is drawn to an optical disc drive and an optical disc playback method and is embodied by claims 2-19, 22-30 and 33-69.

Accordingly, since Group II has been elected, Applicants hereby elect Species 3 (Fig.12). Note, that claims 4, 9, 24, 25 and 27 read on the elected species.

Having made the required election, a full examination on the merits of the elected group is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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